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From Your (biting my nails) Editor:

All right. We moved to the beach and we knew there might be hurricanes! But every other week or so in the fall? Talk about false advertising or I guess I should say false stupidity. We are hunkered in — surrounded by bottles of water, batteries, cans of food, sandbags, closed shutters, you name it! Here's hoping all will remain well.

As always we have a great print issue of *ATG* to read when the Internet is down or we have no connectivity in the air. Guest Editors **Shannon L. Farrell** and **Kristen L. Mastel** explore



Assessment in Libraries. This special issue of *Against the Grain* aims to examine some of the major issues and also provide incisive commentary from a range of contributors. We have papers by **Craig E. Smith** on enhancing the rigor of assessment, **John Jackson** on combining multiple data points to achieve a single indicator of success, **Alison J. Head**, **Alaina C. Bull** and **Margy MacMillan** introduce four levels of information literacy assessment — micro, meso, macro, and mega. The highlights of current print acquisitions

and what this means for the future is the focus of **Julie Rashid's** contribution. **Sunshine Carter** and **Yumiko Toyota-Kindler** share their experience with post-cancellation access determination (PCAD). **Emma Molls** assesses the success of a library published journals program. **Steven Bell**, **Marta Brunner**, **Jennifer Ferguson**, **Elliot Felix**, **Emily Kessler**, **Kelly Sanford**, and **David Woodbury** explore the essential competencies needed for the Lib-GOAL Toolkit.

Scott Plutchak's Epistemology — Power, Control, and the Quest for Open Infrastructure is our OpEd. **Jim O'Donnell's Back Talk** has suggestions about bathrooms, and with this issue we introduce a new column **Headwaters** by **Kent Anderson** who talks about *The Subversion of Referees*.

Our interviews are with **Karen Phillips** and **Kiren Shoman** of Sage Publishing, **Jason Dewland** and **Yvonne Mery** from the University of Arizona, **Theodore Pappas** (Executive Editor and Chief Development Officer at Encyclopaedia Britannica), and **Henry Owino** (previously at Qatar National Library) now in a new position at University of New England.

Corey Seeman has masterfully merged reviews of online and print products in **Reader's Roundup**, **Ann Doherty** is collecting contemporary German-language novels, **Donna Jacobs** liked *Liquidation*, **Anthony Paganelli** is studying open educational resources, **Ramune Kubilius** reports about the **2018 Charleston Conference**, **Myer Kutz** revisits **Robert Maxwell** and **Pergamon Press**, **Don Hawkins** and **Leah Hinds** visit **ACRL**, **Mark Herring** says reading is a muscle, **Marketing Touchpoints** by **Jill Heinze** is all about marketing and building bridges, **Antje Mays** wants to showcase new teaching tools, **Jean Blackburn** and **Lisa Petrachenko** talk about print archiving, and **Michelle Flinchbaugh** provides part two of a three part **Biz of Digital** series on repositories.

They are asking us to evacuate! Time to leave! Meanwhile, happy fall and see you online! Hugs, **Yr. Ed.** 🌿

Letters to the Editor

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Dear Editor:

It was nice to see the *ATG* with my interview in it in my mailbox. Am I correct that it's not online yet? In any case, could you provide me with a PDF of the final version (or point me to someone who can)?

Many thanks, Maria

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Dear Maria,

We're glad that you were pleased by the interview. You are correct. The interview should be available online in a few weeks so in the interim, I am copying Toni Nix our printer who can provide you with a PDF of the file.

Again, thank you for agreeing to do the interview. We enjoyed doing it too. — **Yr. Ed.** 🌿

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2019 Events	Issue	Ad Reservation	Camera-Ready
Charleston Conference	November 2019	08/15/19	09/05/19
ALA Midwinter	Dec. 2019-Jan. 2020	11/07/19	11/25/19
2020 Events	Issue	Ad Reservation	Camera-Ready
Annual Report, PLA	February 2020	01/02/20	01/16/20
MLA, SLA, Book Expo	April 2020	02/20/20	03/12/20
ALA Annual	June 2020	04/02/20	04/23/20
Reference Publishing	September 2020	06/11/20	07/09/20
Charleston Conference	November 2020	08/13/20	09/03/20
ALA Midwinter	Dec. 2020-Jan. 2021	11/05/20	11/23/20

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Rumors

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Cornell in July? **Lynda** has routinely written many meeting reports for *ATG*. **Linda** is on Council this year. It is her last on the **NCLA Chapter**. Here is her new email address <lmk277@cornell.edu>.

The **Andrew W. Mellon Foundation's** Senior Program Officer for Scholarly Communications, **Donald J. Waters**, will retire on August 31, 2019 after 20 years of exceptional service at the **Foundation**. "Over the past two decades, **Don** has developed a magnificent vision for scholarly communications across the humanities landscape, and exerted the intellectual leadership to implement it, always working with trusted partners in the field," remarked **Mariët Westermann**, executive vice president for programs and research. "He has been ahead

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